### SON ABSALOM AND POKER.

gloom in old man Greenhut's sa-was deeper than the mind of a wo-more abundant than sait. If there loon was deeper than the mind of a weman, more anument than sail. If there were alleviating circumstances, neither the old man himself nor any of his cronics was able to call them to mind. They fairly wallowed in grief, and refused to not 30 years old, can come into this compared to the him?" asked old man Greenbut, eagerly, somethin serious round here. Ain't it a serious matter when a plump stranger. "Yes, I had quite consideble of a negyment with him. Pears he had a notion of not coming here."

nits was able to call them to mind. They fairly wallowed in grief, and refused to look on the brighter side of life.

"I don't rightly remember which one o' the pairlots it was in the Old Testa-ment," said Greenhut, after he had looked around the room for a long time in silence, "but it kind o' 'pears to me like it was Abraham, that went an' sat outside the gates of the city, in olleioth an' ashes, an' lifted up his voice an' wept, hollering: 'Absalom, my son.' Anyway, whether it was Abraham or one o' the other patriots, it straces me ther hain't nothin' much better for us to de than just that same, leavin' out the Abraham part o' it, o' course.

"None on us hain't got sons by that hain, an' ther hain't no gates to Aramame, an' ther hain't no den times, but I rection after the my thing as is left for us to do is to go an' set on the levee in olicion' and asness an' cry aloud what dam Teols we are.

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Presently he came out from behind the ber, and going to his favorite seat by the window, put has feet of the sil and looked long and steadily down the street. It was the first time he had ever taken that seat without ligating a cigar, and he others in the saloon looked on in wonder. Two or three times he started to speak, but uppeared to be unable to do so, and there wonder grow as they waited.

Then has nand went mecanacally to his wasterat pocket, and, indding a cigar there, no trew it north and ligated it. After smoking for a minute or two he said:

"Pears like there's some sort of a mystery about this here young devil that's

briefly, said the old man, "why don't you to.! us about it?" NO MYSTERY ABOUT IT.

"Well," said the old man, "why don't you see it's a real credit to the you to about it."

NO MYSTERY ABOUT IT.

"There hair's no mystery about it, so fur as I can see," said Pearell, suikly said the cap it, lake the feller, a passenger, of the time boat, was tellin me this O'goed, as he calls his cif, done swinded the cap'n out of he spassing, an berrowed motion by the me standin on the level he I dad think not have the well in a level ke I dad think not have the well in a level ke I dad think not have a cay, for there want but can be started and it is the horse and it is shown nothing to me, me standin on the level ke I dad think not have a cay for the the went in a level ke I dad think not not have the boat was a list of the best room in the holes, an live the landierd a long game of lak, while we was all taken a drill, about expecting some big amount of moreoved money from the landierd and the horse of them where he best horse was nothing class of the horse of the man in a standier with the cap in the landierd and the standing of the standing the said of the man in the standing the said of the speak of

"Note the way you all was."

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"No disgrace about bein' bent at poker of the home faient of Arkansas City bent, an' no disgrace into it!" exclaimed Greensh int in amazement.

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HAD QUITE AN ARGUMENT.

"Yes, I had nulte considuabe of a argyment with him. 'Penrs he had a notion o' not comin' back to town, but I took the other end o' the controversy, an' we reasoned it out.

"I come near thinkin' mebbe he was right, for he certainly is almighty spry with his hands, but finally he 'greed to come.

with his hands, but finally he green come.

"He's gone over to the hold now to pay his bill, an' he'll be 'round here soon as he's washed up a bit. Says he'd like to play another little game o' noken'."

"Joe," said old man Greenhit, "have another drink. An' I want to say right now," he continued, turning to the others in he room, "that all this talk about not understanding cropiced poker may do very well for once, but it won't go ag in.

"The honor o' the community is in your hands, gentlemen, and Arkansas Cily expects you to do your duty. Wouldn't the n good thing to send for Jin Peters? He cam deal better than anybody clse in town."

like to have another game of poker.
DETAILS OF GAME INCOMPLETE.
Of the details of that game there is no complete record. Jim Peters came, and was duly staked by Greenhut. So he sat in, and it was observed that he watched Oggood so closely when the inter dealt that he became confused and fumbled the cards. And it was not long before Oggood arose, declaring himself locke.
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"You wen nigh a hundred more last nicht than you've lost to-night," said Winterbottom sternly.

"Well, take it, then," said Osgood, throwing a small roll of bils on the table.

"You're going to got it away from me, anyhow, an' you night as well take it one way as another. I'm not going to p'a. have seep pelser. And he started to leave the room. But Bassett confronted him.

"Pears like you was makin' some mistake. Mebbe you think we uns is beers. There an't nobody here soln' to steal your money. The cards is handy an' we propose to take it honorable. I pe'un "" 'c'tes s'i dawn agan."

Osgood looked at him closely, and then, sin use g his stoulders, 'at down, in a few inhutes more he lost the roll, and then getting up again he said:

"I reckon I can go now.

"You can," said old man Greenhut, "an when "it own can take a god lessow with you. It don't do to monkey too much after-Ocean.

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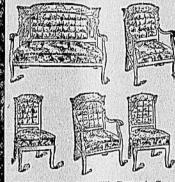
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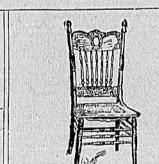
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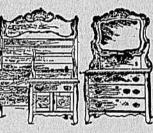
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tion that all that interests the modern man in this line is little talked about, renchmen, however, if not as well nessed from the Anglo-Saxon standard, ails of their habiliment than either the American or Englishman, and this seafertile in new fancies for men. Indeed,

men.

First, there is the new frock coat, "redingote," a single breasted affair, well shaped in at the waist, shorter and jauntler than the old model, often without the silk revers so long in favor. Then there is the new French cut in trousers, which are curved at the inness, and neither tight nor loose, exceedingly well shaped and easy to keep in form.

An entirely new fancy in the waistcoat line is the bucksin "gilet," as the French soy, as warm as toset, costing the snug little sum of \$50 or \$50, but serviceable and exceedingly attractive to look upon. Im attors will room be in the market in something cheaper, no goubt, but for the moment the buckskin waistcoat is having things its own way among the smart set of men.

Chemping segions in knitted waistcoats

Charming designs in knitted waistcoats charming designs in kine and a gifts, for are all ready for New Year's gifts, for Fronch presents are exchanged upon New Year's day—"less etrennes"—and not upon Year's day—"less etrennes"—and not upon Christmas day, more of a religious than secular fete.

secular fete.

WONDERS OF THE FRENCH CRAVAT
Revers are coming back into fashion again, and all waistcoats are cut lower at the neck, showing more of the shirt front and the tie-Ah, the tie! One could write a volume about the French "cravat," now carefully chosen and so cirefully thed, and all in light colors, for a resolute stard has been taken here against the English fashion of dark ties, "ale bluss old rose, mauve and yellow tes are to be seen at all the smart shops, and the plue tinted sliks or satins, with leoper a ripes or designs adorning them, are in great vogue and so becoming to en, a he complex 8 a bit of color is to a woman. As for the black tie, even upon certain occasions, with the greas said, it has disappeared completely. All mart men are wearing white ties, as imple as possible.

Dress suit coa talls are now longer, with more of the spike about them than of yore, and yests are cut higher—exactly the reverse of the tendency in day waistoats of a lower cut.

While every mar has a vest to match his suit somewhere in his wardrobe, he arrely dons it preferring a white vest, or one of velvet—bluck, dark blue—with fancy buttons, or even the garnet red and black introduced recently by a popular dandy.

KNEE BREECHES FOR EVENING. VONDERS OF THE FRENCH CRAVAT

KNEE BREECHES FOR EVENING. KNEE BREEZHES FOR While bunting coats are worn in the country during the hunting season, colored dress suits are rarely seed, unless for a fancy ball, but many men among the younger set in Paris wear knee breaches at certain houses where old

is a fashion not at all confined to the aristocracy, but which extends to the has only one ambition-that is, to ape

been transformed into a same close-fitting jacket, shaped at the waist with darts and seams exactly like a wo-man's tailor jacket.

with darts and seams exactly like a with darts and seasons are vitalite." As the French say, or waist to the man ambitious to appear well in his "jaquette." This cointure, they say, was invented by Sarah Bernhardt, when she wanted to look syelled in her Alglon tights. It was a suggestion to men, who took it up, and thousands are sold in Paris to men of all classes, from generals down to dapper dry goods clerks. The celuture is made of clastic material, reinforced by leather sirips. It is about a quarter of a yard wide, and fasters in front like a woman's corset. Its mission is to hold in the figure and outline the waist line. It accomplishes both, and among army men has quite replaced what was known as the "army corset."

CRUSADE AGAINST BEARD.

A campaign is being waged against the masculine appendage, the beard, It is quite smart to appear beardless, although the mustache is ...erule for all the better class of men. Servants alone shave complotely, and the bare upper lip is as much a part of their livery as their buttons or stripe-adorned trousers. The beard has been exceedingly popular among Frenchmen, who have only commenced to relinquish it, and with apparent regret. The French doctors denounce it bitterly, and declare a bear facial incubator for all the list the flesh is heir to. French physicans are quite on the warrath about another hab t they on the warrath about another hab t they

is her to. French physicians are quite on the warrant about another hab t they are trying to abolish—that of covering the head. Some of those learned men invite every one to go hareheaded out of doors as well as indoors. As a com-

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Mr. Sterns Fadelle, of Dominica, has just published a fittle book giving combined the combined of the least of the leas

later stood looking down into a crater which was filled with boiling water.

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When it is little with water it is about 20 feet long and lem man he lost wide. Is do his a caken on an atompt to truch of our was made thirty feet from the water case, where at a depth of 115 tee in the train was the process and and a sustence in the water case where at a depth of 115 tee in the train was the surface as aim and a silstens brilliantly under the rays of the water the laws of the

area. It was colonized by the Spinares glistens brilliantly under the rays of the later by Fronch emigrants, who controved the island unitering-celly and to registreenth century, and its resources have since been exploited by English and Prench; and yet its natural curiosity, in the northern part of the Island, had never been seen or heard of until twenty-eight years ago.

This can be explained only by the fact that the neighborhood of the belling lake ithat the neighborhood of the belling lake of Dominica is difficult of secess. The lake was discovered by an Englishman Dr. Nichols, who organized an expedition to explore the unknown part of the island.

One day his little party were clamber-